



# DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

## Team Release

### Official TEST Report 2019/3/4~5 SUZUKA 1<sup>st</sup> Official test

MO-SPO Festival 2019 'Motorsports Fan Thanks Day', co-hosted by HONDA, TOYOTA and MOBILITY LAND which manages SUZUKA Circuit, was held on Mar.2-3. The event with more enriched contents was a huge success with a lot of fans who had been longing for start of a new season.

The first official test of Super Formula lasted for four days including test run and demonstration in MO-SPO Festival, and it was a valuable test opportunity before the season opener. DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING accepted 2018 Super Formula champion Naoki Yamamoto and Nirei Fukuzumi who had participated in FIA F2 in Europe and grew a lot to come back to Japan. The team would be ready for 2019 season with a strong formation of car #1 and #5.

On Day 1, although the surface condition was wet because of continuous rain since the day before, DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING enthusiastically run the cars and collected data on SF19 with wet tires. In the afternoon, it stopped raining and the surface condition got better. Around 30 min after the start, the surface was dry enough to mount slick tires. Yamamoto, who recorded the time to overwhelm others in the morning, just executed the test program to learn SF19 performance and new set-ups in the afternoon.

Thanks for the good weather on Day 2, the both drivers positively tested set-ups, and practiced starting and long run. The team finished the morning session with Fukuzumi in first place and Yamamoto in second, so in the afternoon session, collected data focusing on race simulation. In the end, this test was very fruitful to learn good and bad points and new issues.

#1: Naoki Yamamoto Position 5th (3rd among Honda users)

It was my first SF19 test with DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING. I could executed several programs, such as race simulation and QF mode, during these two days.

The team is professional and I have built a relationship of trust with all of the crew. In this good condition, I will analyze the result with the team and prepare for the second official test at Fuji.



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#5: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 2nd (2nd among Honda users)

From shakedown of SF19, I first focused on getting used to the car. In the morning on Day 2, I recorded the fastest time, and in the afternoon, I had a meaningful test in race mode.

Now I understand what I didn't before. The total power of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING is exactly what I expected. I am very excited for 2019 season!